

Hormonal Implant Removal

DEFINITION	This protocol covers the removal of the hormonal implant. It should be removed after it has been in for 3 years.
SUBJECTIVE	Should include: 1. LMP. 2. Medical, sexual, and contraceptive history update, as appropriate. 3. Determine reason for removal. 4. No allergies to antiseptics or local anesthesia used for removal.
OBJECTIVE	Must include: 1. Palpate implant rod. May include: 2. Physical examination, if indicated.
LABORATORY	No specific lab required.
ASSESSMENT	Client who desires implant removal.
PLAN	 Document in the chart the reason she requests removal of implant. Discuss and Documentation that the risks associated with the removal (infection, bleeding, or inability to remove the rod at this time) and follow –up plan, as indicated. Remove implant per manufacturer's instructions.
CLIENT EDUCATION	 Counsel client on choosing a different method of birth control, if she is not having a new implant inserted and does not desire a pregnancy. (Refer to chosen method protocol.) Review safer sex education, if appropriate. Recommend client RTC for annual exam and PRN for problems.
CONSULT / REFER TO PHYSICIAN	 Any client with an allergic reaction to local anesthetic. Any client with difficult implant removal.

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References:

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- 2. Implanon Clinical Training Guide. Organon USA, Roseland NJ; 2007
- 3. Hatcher,R.A., Trussell,J., Nelson, A.L., etal, (2011) Contraceptive Technology. (20th revised ed.)page 203. Ardent Media New York.